

***Approved Minutes***  
**FALLS CHURCH CITY TREE COMMISSION**  
**February 15, 2006**

**Present:** Bruce Kulpan, Larry Dorr, Dave Eckert, David Chojnacky, Jill Spence (Arborist)

**Call to Order** 7:35 pm

**Approval of Minutes** – Kulpan moved, Dorr seconded - full approval of January 2006 minutes

**NON-COMPLIANT SITES**

Non-Compliant sites are still under review by the City Attorney.

**THE BYRON**

Ms. Spence met with the Byron Project Manager who agreed to comply with the requests of the City Arborist. Ms. Spence stated that the damage by the unauthorized clearing of adjacent property they did not own was extensive and continues to need further analysis recommendations by the City Arborist.

**READ BUILDING 402 West Broad Street**

Kulpan moved, Chojnacky seconded, Approved unanimously

**MOTION:**

1. The Tree Commission continues to recommend to City Council to abide by what is required by City Code for the 10 foot buffer for parking lots. This code was researched and adopted following extensive staff and citizen input and meeting. It was passed by City Council after extensive briefings and public discussion. Tree Commission is concerned that deviating from this code will set a negative precedent for future development. The Tree Commission believes it is fighting a losing battle with each new development as each continues to lower the bar for landscaping requirements as stipulated by recently passed landscaping code.
2. If Council decides to grant a landscape waiver, then the Commission recommends that the area less than 10 feet in width must be a more highly engineered environment to support trees than required by code. Those initiatives minimally include, but are not limited to structural soils under adjacent pavement, irrigation, and proper consideration of tree species according to the City of Falls Church Recommended Tree List.
3. In addition, if the Council makes trade-offs with a developer and as a result grants landscaping waivers, then the proffers considered for those

landscaping waivers should be landscaped public areas, as opposed to trading housing or parking considerations for landscaping. And further, in addition, the Commission recommends that for every square foot of landscaping waiver granted on private land that the developer place in a restricted City fund sufficient money to pay for the purchase of comparable amount of land to be used for public landscaping purposes.

## **ARBOR DAY MONUMENT**

Commissioner Eckert reported that the Virginia Tech School of Architecture provided 30 designs for the Virginia Arbor Day Monument at Frady Park. The field was reduced to 5 finalist. Following the review of their plans, a landscape architect will be hired to develop the final draft design for submission to the City for review. Eckert reported that the National Arbor Day Foundation will be participating in the development process for the monument.

## **ARBOR DAY 2006 Ceremony**

Arbor Day will be held on Saturday, April 22 at 3:00 pm in Frady Park. The school Arbor Day ceremonies will be held on April 21.

## **Adjourn: 9:00 pm**

*These minutes are respectively submitted by Dave Eckert, Tree Commission Secretary.*

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